PATENT tomer No. 26308 Docket No. F-5481 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Group Art Unit: 3762 pplication of: Westberg et al. Examiner: L. Deak Serial No.: 09/390,268 Filed: 3 September 1999 Programmable, Fluid Pressure Actuated Blood Processing Systems and Methods For: BECEIVED Mail Stop RCE **Commissioner for Patents** JUN 0 5 2003 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700** REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL (37 C.F.R. § 1.114) This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. (Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995.) **SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114:** 1. Previously submitted A. **[**] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [] Other **Enclosed** В. [x] [x] Amendment/Reply Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 1 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) [x·] Other 2. **MISCELLANEOUS** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR A. [] §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months Other В. [] CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Linda S. Wenzel 29 May 2003 Date (type or print hame of person mailing paper,

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3.	EXTENSION OF TIME The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply (complete (a) or (b) as applicable)					
	(a)	[x]	Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:			
[] [] [×] []	Extension (months) one month two months three months four months five months			Fee for other than <u>Small Entity</u> \$ 110.00 \$ 410.00 \$ 930.00 \$1450.00 \$1970.00	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u> \$ 55.00 \$ 205.00 \$ 465.00 \$ 725.00 \$ 985.00	
	Fee: \$					
	If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.					
	(check and complete the next item, if applicable)					
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				OR		
	(b)	(b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.				

FEES The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any A. [x] overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2360 RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) [x] [x] Extension of Time Fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) [] Other **RCE Fee** В. [x] \$750.00 (large entity) [x] \$375.00 (small entity) [] C. \$930.00 [x] Extension Fee: ____ TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$1,680.00 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY Daniel D. Ryan Reg. No. 29,243 (type or print name of attorney) RYAN KROMHOLZ & MANION, S.C. Post Office Box 26618 Tel. No. (262) 783-1300 (P.O. Address) Customer No. 26308 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226

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